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PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN:
ACTION FOR EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Papua New Guinea*: draft resolution

Sustainable development and the environmental crisis

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Concerned that women through their actions have pointed to the seriousness of the global environmental crisis and its direct impact on women's health,

Aware that there is a lack of adequate recognition of and support for women's contribution to managing natural resources and safeguarding the environment,

1. Stresses that, in spite of what women have been doing in the field of the environment for over two decades, the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women do not reflect women's concern about and contribution to making a transition from destructive development to sustainable development;

2. Emphasizes that the debt situation of developing countries and the consequent macroeconomic policies imposed place unbearable burdens on women, and recognizes that those policies are incompatible with sustainable development;

3. Believes that the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women should:

* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

(a) Reflect a commitment to sustainable development models based on sustainable livelihoods and lifestyle criteria throughout;

(b) Contain a chapter, in section IV, setting out specific strategic objectives and actions to be taken to promote the full and equitable participation of women in global action for sustainable development at all levels, and strategic objectives and actions for risk prevention and health promotion education to counter the most serious toxic hazards that are threatening women's, men's and planetary health: toxic chemicals and biological and radioactive contamination;

(c) Include a recommendation for a framework for ecological economics from a woman's perspective that includes equal distribution of environmental wealth between North and South, between countries and between the sexes;

(d) Recommend a moratorium on biotechnological patenting of human genetic material until the full scientific, health and ethical implications have been widely reviewed;

(e) Advocate strategies for debt relief, recognizing the negative impact of debt on women in particular.